

CHESHUNT must surely be one of the most nomadic clubs in senior amateur football. When they were founded in 1946 (by the current Sports Editor of one of the local newspapers in the area) the club had no playing pitch but finished as runners-up in the old London League (Div. 1). They also won the Herts Charity Shield despite playing only three "home" games throughout that entire 46/47 season.

In both the following two campaigns Cheshunt were League champions, but were not promoted to the Premier Division until the 49/50 season because the two grounds they occupied in the meantime were not considered up to scratch.

They won the Premier Division championship at the first attempt in that 49/50

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season; reached the county senior cup final for the second time, and fought through all the qualifying rounds to reach the last 16 of the Amateur Cup.

Early in that campaign they moved to their present ground — the Stadium, Theobalds Lane, but subsidence and drainage problems necessitated another move — making the third "home" ground in that one season alone.

This third home ground was Brookfield Lane where they remained, but for one ill-timed

return to The Stadium for the 52/53 season, until handing it over to Tottenham Hotspur in 1957. Spurs still use Brookfield Lane full time as their training ground and as a venue for junior games.

Not only were Cheshunt moving from ground to ground during this time but they were also switching from league to league. Having tasted two divisions of the old and very strong London League, they had four seasons in the Delphian League, four more back in the London League

(runners-up once and league cup finalists) followed by three seasons in the semi-pro Aetolian League.

In 62/63 they switched yet again — this time to the Spartan League, and won the championship by a staggering 16 point margin. The next season they won the Spartan League Cup, and the following campaign saw them elected to the Second Division of the Athenian League, the fifth league competition for this ambitious club.

It did not take "The Amb" long to climb out of the Athenian Second Division — two seasons in fact. In a further two years they had won the Division One championship and a place in the Athenian Premier Division, also finding time to win the Mithras Cup and Herts Charity Shield.

But in the Amateur Cup they have seldom got very far, the third round being their best achievement in 1949/50 and 69/70. On the last occasion they lost at Skelmersdale to a goal scored direct from a corner with a goalless draw looking on the cards. The scorer of that goal was none other than Steve Heighway, now one of the Liverpool stars.

Four members of the side beaten that day in Lancashire still remain, although midfield general and ex-international Les Picking, who was player-manager at the time, is under seven days suspension.

Nobody remains from the team thrashed by Wycombe at Loakes Park in 1966, and, not surprisingly, the same goes for the Cheshunt team beaten 6-1 at Brookfield Lane in the corresponding round way back in January 1952. Obviously the Herts club have some old scores to settle!